



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/669,118
Applicant(s): Daigo YOSHIOKA and Masahito NIIKAWA
For: DIGITAL CAMERA HAVING MULTIPLE IMAGES
TAKING MODES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a preliminary amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, which provides for a response period ending November 24, 2005.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated August 24, 2005, for one additional month to December 24, 2005, is being filed concurrently.

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Preliminary Amendment dated December 22, 2005
Reply to Office Action of August 24, 2005

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: